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The withdrawal of the rejections made in the previous Office Action is noted with sincere appreciation.

Claims 1-37 are in the case. The allowability of Claims 14 and 15 is noted with sincere appreciation. Support for the amendments to Claims 1 and 24 is found in the Specification on Page 6, paragraph 0016.

Rejection under §102(e)

Claims 1-13 and 16-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over McNaughton (U.S. 2006/0073216). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants agree with the statement in the present Office Action (Page 3) that McNaughton does not teach the step of adding the breaker to a well. Applicants add that McNaughton does not teach the use of a sulfamate stabilized, bromine-based breaker with an aqueous polysaccharide as a well fluid. As amended, the present claims include the application of the sulfamate stabilized, bromine-based breaker with an aqueous polysaccharide to wells, and are not anticipated by McNaughton.

Thus reconsideration and withdrawal of the §102 rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing remarks, the case is believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt notification to this effect would be sincerely appreciated.

If any matters remain that require further consideration, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number given below so that such matters may be discussed, and if possible, promptly resolved.

Please continue to address all correspondence in this Application to Mr. Edgar E. Spielman, Jr. at the address of record.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary H. Drabnis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" and last name "Drabnis" clearly distinguishable.

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